

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours from the hours of 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 28.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

Last night's harvest during a 6-hour fishing period was 897 chum salmon caught by 14 permit holders. Fishing effort and catches were below average. Cumulative catch is over 224,000 chum salmon and with this week expected to be the last week of the commercial salmon fishery the forecast harvest of 250,000 to 280,000 chum salmon will likely not be reached.

Continuing with short duration openings should not jeopardize escapement and allow for subsistence fishing opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.